

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## WORSE AND MORE OF IT.

A thoroughly discreditable document is emerging from the political manipulations and ministrations of the charter convention's committee of five.

It is in substance the document drafted by the majority of this committee's sub-committee of five, with a few more vicious amendments thrown into the political hodgepodge for good measure. As it stands, it will appeal to the politics-for-revenue-only members of the convention, and these, together with members swung to their side by appeals to prejudice, may be sufficient to jam through the convention a charter which will debauch the public service as surely as tomorrow's sun will rise.

Last night the staunch minority of five fought to secure something like a progressive charter. But their fight was vain in the face of eight opposing votes cast on the side of reactionism. And the five, soon realizing the futility of their fight, began to see the humor in the professed disciples of good government, such as some of these eight men are, favoring the majority report with its political feedtroughs and patronage loopholes.

It is significant of the spirit of this majority report and the charter it proposes that the principle of civil service in municipal employ, won from the legislature of 1913 after long agitation, has been cast to the winds. On the specious plea that civil service here has been a failure, the entire plan is abandoned. Of course, if the civil service plan has not worked here, the thing to do is to find out just where the statutes or the regulations governing it are faulty and then amend them, for there is abundant experience elsewhere to prove that the theory of civil service is sound and valuable and that it can be made to work successfully in practice.

Aside from the packing of the proposed charter with sections designed to promote political machines and to encourage job-grabbing, the document is intolerably lengthy—cramped with trivial detail which should properly be dealt with by ordinance. Here, for instance, are five of its sections, taken at random and showing the unnecessary detail with which the charter draft is padded:

Section 187. Signs. Signs securely fastened to the building may be suspended over the sidewalk not more than three feet from the building at a clear height above the sidewalk of not less than eight feet.

Section 189. Hitching Posts. Posts for the purpose of hitching horses or other animals may be placed at the outer edge of the sidewalk or on the edge of the road in front of any building, and such posts shall not be more than four feet in height.

Section 203. Hitching to Trees. No person shall hitch or fasten any horse or other animal to any ornamental or shade tree in the streets or sidewalks or to any building frame around such trees.

Section 216. Driving Cattle, Etc., Across. No cattle, horses, mules or asses, exceeding ten in number, shall be driven over any bridge of wood or iron in the city and county of Honolulu, or over any bridge or road, under the penalty of a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, recoverable against the drivers of the same, by prosecution, etc.

Section 207. Kites. No person shall fly kites in or upon any street, lane, alley or sidewalk.

Section after section of this absurd document contains stuff just about as trivial—for a charter—as the above. It may be argued that this charter itself shows the necessity of regulating the asses but that point will hardly be insisted upon by the framers of the document.

The experience of mainland cities shows that a model charter is one which is brief, concise, inclusive; which avoids prolixity, which avoids tying the hands of the city's legislative power by detail; which grants powers rather than imposes restrictions. But then the majority of the charter convention's committee of fifteen, like the majority of the sub-committee of five, insist on going in the face of municipal experience elsewhere.

Successful precedent means nothing to them when compared to succulent politics.

## JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY'S BIRTHDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Secretary of the Interior Lane is more than a splendid executive—he is one of the most wisely patriotic of American citizens. Those readers of the Star-Bulletin who remember the vivid Flag Day talk he made to his department in Washington last year will not be surprised now at the wholesome and sanely patriotic sentiment which underlies his request, made known by an Associated Press despatch yesterday, that the schools of the United States observe James Whitcomb Riley's birthday, October 7, by the reading of the Hoosier genius's poems.

The request came to Honolulu late for it to be sent to all the schools in the territory. But in many of the island schools, notably on Oahu, one or more of Riley's poems will be read

next Thursday. For those who have none of the poems at hand, the Star-Bulletin publishes in another column two which are typical of the Indianan's heart of gold, if not of his positive gift for dialect. Local educators tell us that for reading in the schools the dialect poems are not as desirable as those in more classic prose. However, after publishing these two today the Star-Bulletin will publish one or two of the homely, quaint rhymes which are more typical of this poet of the people than his more pretentious verse.

Next Thursday, then, is Riley Day in the schools of Hawaii. James Whitcomb Riley is one of the most unassuming of men. He refuses to be lionized. But the fact that all over the United States the children to whom he has given a lifetime of love will on his birthday be reading or listening to his poems cannot but touch his tender heart.

## FACTS ABOUT WATER.

Governor Pinkham's letter to the new Oahu loan fund commission, made public at the same time as he announces the personnel of this body, puts the facts of Honolulu's water-supply and potential sources before the citizens in a graphic and vigorous manner. It is "packed full of meat" and will certainly be of very great value to the commission's work.

It is no surprise that the governor emphatically disapproves of the city's spending \$20,000 in a water survey in the hills behind Honolulu. The Star-Bulletin expressed its opinion of this expenditure of the tax-payers' money when the appropriation was first put up to the supervisors and before they had passed it. The territorial hydrographer pointed out then that no real survey can be made for \$20,000 because no boring extensive enough to get results can be done for anything like this amount; on the other hand, his office has on file or will undertake to secure all of the data which can be collected without the boring experiments. The governor adds significantly that the legislature appropriated \$5000 for a commission to study the situation, and that it is a part of the duties of the division of hydrography to make these investigations.

Under the circumstances the spending of \$20,000 of the city's money is little likely to bring results at all commensurate with the expense. The commission named by the mayor to direct the municipal investigations is a good commission. If it wishes to take the logical, prudent and economical course it will not spend the \$20,000 at all but will use the agencies already provided for investigation.

The loan fund commission named by the governor has other duties besides looking after the spending of money on water-supply development. But this is by far its most important duty, just as the water-problem is one of Honolulu's most important. Besides the two ex-officio members of the committee, Superintendent of Public Works Forbes and Mayor Lane, the commission includes three well-known citizens who have had plenty of experience in business affairs and public affairs—A. D. Castro, E. G. Duisenberg and Lester Petrie. Mr. Castro has served in the legislature and Mr. Petrie on the board of supervisors. They are all familiar with the city's needs and may be relied upon to give good service in a position whose only remuneration must be the consciousness of having helped their community.

Uncle Sam's instructions to Turkey that the Armenian atrocities must cease or friendly relations with this country will be severed might well have been given months ago. So terrible has been the oppression visited on Armenia that a whole nation is in danger of annihilation. It is not too much to say that hundreds of thousands have been wiped out by massacre, hardship and disease and the Turks are forcing into permanent exile hundreds of thousands of others. No nation which is prompted by "humanity itself" can without protest see these atrocities go on. They have not the slightest semblance of military exigencies; they are merely the crescendo of systematic, wholesale cruelty.

Now that the Allies have raised their half-billion dollar loan, presumably the United States will press again for a definite answer as to the commercial blockade which they have undertaken and which contravenes neutral rights.

Bulgaria's unenviable position is an ultimatum if she does and an ultimatum if she doesn't.

## Two Poems by James Whitcomb Riley

(The Star-Bulletin prints below two of James Whitcomb Riley's poems suitable to be read in the schools of Hawaii on the birthday of the noted Indiana poet, next Thursday, October 7. The best of Riley's poems, in the opinion of this paper, are in dialect, but those in purer prose are felt by Honolulu educators to be more appropriate for school reading.)

### THE USED-TO-BE.

Eyond the purple, hazy trees  
Of summer's utmost boundaries;  
Eyond the sands—beyond the seas—  
The range of eyes like these.  
And only in the reach of the  
Enraptured gaze of Memory,  
There lies a land, long lost to me—  
The land of Used-to-be!

A land enchanted—such as swung  
In golden seas when sirens clung  
Along their dripping brinks, and sung  
To Jason in the mystic tongue  
That dazed men with its melody—  
O such a land, with such a sea  
Kissing its shores eternally,  
Is the fair Used-to-be.

A land where music ever girds  
The air with belts of singing-birds,  
And sows all sounds with such sweet  
words,  
That even in the low of herds  
A meaning lives so sweet to me,  
Lost laughter ripples limpidly  
From tips brimmed over with the  
glee  
Of rare old Used-to-be.

Lost laughter, and the whistled tunes  
Of boyhood's mouth of crescent runes,  
That rounded, through long afternoons,  
To serenading piniunes—  
When starlight fell so mistily  
That, peering up from bended knee,  
I dreamed 'twas bridal drapery  
Snowed over Used-to-be.

O land of love and dreamy thoughts,  
And shining fields, and shady spots  
Of coolest, greenest grassy plots,  
Embossed with wild forget-me-nots!  
And all ye blooms that longingly  
Lift your fair faces up to me  
Out of the past, I kiss in ye  
The lips of Used-to-be.

### LITTLE NEWS

LORRIN ANDREWS, a way to win cases in the police court is to keep smiling and let the other fellow do the sweating. I think that Judge Monsarrat appreciates the broad smile.

MAYOR LANE: I am still looking for one person to fill out my list for the city planning commission. Perhaps I shall have that one by tomorrow night's meeting, and perhaps not.

CHARLES R. FORBES: We have heard no complaining regarding the request that the snappers be moved from their tying places in the harbor. All the owners seem perfectly willing to abide by the request.

WADE WARREN THAYER: I received a brief letter from H. P. Wood this morning regarding the business of the Hawaii building at the exposition. He says that everything is going well, and that the attendance continues to keep up strong.

LIEUT. COMDR. J. A. FURBER, naval constructor: No, we haven't received word yet from Washington as to what to do with the F-4's bulk. We ought to hear any time as our report has reached Washington. Anyway, she won't be put in Kapiolani Park for an ornament.

ENSIGN C. O. MCARD, U. S. submarine tender Alert: The Proteus is certainly a fine big collier. When she was in the Mediterranean coaling the Atlantic fleet, she attracted more visitors than the dreadnoughts. Every one in the ports there wondered if she wasn't a skyscraper in disguise.

G. FRED RUSH: I am certainly going to fight the proposed "compromise" in the charter work with my whole force. It's a poor excuse even if it is a compromise. If we started out to get the short ballot, why let's stick to that principle and work for it, instead of hating about the bush with "compromises!"

### 30,000 ENGINEERS IN RESERVE CORPS FOR DUTY IF WAR COMES

CHICAGO, Ill.—Thirty thousand American engineers are to be represented in the formation of a reserve corps of engineers for immediate service in the event of the United States becoming involved in war, according to an announcement made by Bion J. Arnold.

Following a conference last spring between representative engineers and Secretary of War Garrison, the movement to form the corps was taken up by the American society of engineers, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical En-

### LITTLE MAJORIE.

"Where is little Marjorie?"  
There's the robin in the tree,  
With his gallant call once more  
From the boughs above the door!  
There's the bluebird's note, and there  
Are Spring-voices everywhere  
Calling, calling ceaselessly—  
"Where is little Marjorie?"

And her old playmate, the rain,  
Calling at the window-pane  
In soft syllables that win  
Not here answer from within—  
"Where is little Marjorie?"  
Or is it the rain, oh me!  
Or wild gust of tears that were  
Calling us—not calling her!

"Where is little Marjorie?"  
Oh, in little security  
She is hidden from the reach  
Of all voices that beseech:  
She is where no troubled word,  
Sob or sigh is ever heard,  
Since God whispered tenderly—  
"Where is little Marjorie?"

## BUILD RAILROAD FOR TWENTY-FIVE MILES TO MINES

### Mineral Products Co. Active on Coast; Pratt Resigns From Honolulu Iron Works

Bringing with him detailed news of active development in the work of the Mineral Products Company, a large amount of the stock of which is owned in Honolulu, Robert J. Pratt, the well-known Honolulu man who left here August 11 to look over the corporation's properties in California, returned today on the Manoa, enthusiastic over the outlook.

As a result of his trip, Mr. Pratt has resigned from the Honolulu Iron Works, in which he was an engineer for 16 years, and will leave with his family October 20 on the Matsunori for California, where he will have charge of the company's San Francisco office. He is the majority stockholder in the company.

At a meeting of stockholders tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock a permanent organization will be effected, with local men comprising six of the seven directors in the corporation. The seventh will be W. T. Jones, the California mineralogist who discovered the rich mines now controlled by the company.

The Mineral Products Company was organized August 2 under the laws of Nevada, said Mr. Pratt this morning. "I have resigned from the Honolulu Iron Works, with which I have been connected for 16 years as an engineer, and will devote my entire time to the big project."

"We have taken over the California Manganese Company, and have bought out the California Silica Company as well, also a large magnesite deposit, all our mines being located in Stanislaus County, California."

That the Patterson Irrigated Farms Corporation has granted the company a large factory site was the good news brought by Mr. Pratt, who said the Patterson & Western Railroad, incorporated August 28, stock owned by the Mineral Products Company, has been surveyed for 12 miles of its projected length, 25 miles, and that the rights of way have all been acquired.

"This railroad," added Mr. Pratt, "reaches the silica deposits of our company at 12 miles, and a mile further on taps our rich magnesite deposits. At 22 miles it reaches another of our manganese mines. Actual construction of the railroad will begin the middle of this month."

General manager of the new company will be Henry G. Glnaca, who was for many years an engineer for the Hawaiian Pineapple Company's plant here. Mr. Glnaca has made his home near the mines.

gineers and the American Institute of Consulting Engineers.

Each of the bodies appointed committees, which have now consolidated in a joint committee to take charge of engineering operations in cooperation with the war department in case of war. To legalize the formation of the corps a bill has been drafted for submission to congress.

Senor Riano, Spanish ambassador to the United States, denied the report that he had been asked to take over German interests if diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were severed.

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## Personal Mention

MISS M. K. HART has been appointed as a clerk in the office of the superintendent of public works.

E. E. BODGE of the harbor commission will leave for the mainland in the steamer Wilhelmina tomorrow for a two months' business and pleasure trip to San Francisco.

GEORGE S. RAYMOND, territorial school inspector, will leave for the mainland in the Wilhelmina tomorrow to visit his former home in Cambridge, Mass. He will be absent two months.

S. K. KEKUMANO, who was assistant clerk of the house during the last legislature, now is a clerk in the office of the commissioner of public lands. He was appointed yesterday by Commissioner J. D. Tucker.

J. S. TICHENOR and F. A. McCART, the Y. M. C. A. officials who are here to look over the army posts with a view to establishing associations, accompanied by Paul Super, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., are visiting Schofield Barracks tomorrow. Several trips will be made around the different army and navy stations.

MRS. B. SMITH received a cablegram this morning announcing the marriage of her daughter, Miss Bertha C. Smith, to Mr. E. G. Borglin of San Francisco. The two were schoolmates in San Francisco some years ago and the marriage is the culmination of a romance which began at that time.

## JAPAN TO ANNEX PACIFIC ISLES, CHINA DECLARES

PEKING.—Chinese newspapers are commenting very generally on the visit to Tokyo of the chiefs from the South Pacific Islands taken over by Japan during the present war. Japan's declaration that she has no intention of annexing these islands is not believed by Chinese publicists. In speaking of the 20 chiefs from the South Pacific Archipelago, whom Japan is entertaining, the Peking Gazette says:

"This score of simple minded islanders will be personally conducted and efficiently feasted; and it would certainly not be in the least surprising if the results of all this were a demonstration of 'sincerity, frankness and friendship' on the part of these South Sea Crusoes and Fridays, expressed in the shape of a petition begging the Mikado to be graciously pleased to make their coral isles part of his empire."

### DEAD MAN FOUND AT SHUTTLE OF EL PASO TRAIN

CARRIZO, N. M.—When train No. 7 of the El Paso & Southwestern arrived at Ancho, N. M., the other day, the fireman discovered that the engineer, Charles Jones, was dead. When Jones boarded his engine he complained of suffering from acute indigestion, but did not regard the attack as serious. How far the engine ran with the dead man at the throttle is not known.

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